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2005 dates of importance for employers

January 10, 2005

For Reimbursable Advance Paying Employers: The first quarter of 2005 Advance Payment Notice is due Jan. 10, 2005. The amount of this payment was calculated by dividing the total benefit charges for the third and fourth quarters of 2003 and the first and second quarters of 2004 into four equal amounts, payable on a quarterly basis in calendar year 2005. Questions regarding this payment should be directed to the Employer Accounts Unit at (501) 682-3289.

January 31, 2005

All active employers: The fourth quarter 2004 Contribution and Wage Report is due by Jan. 31, 2005. Those needing help completing the report should call the Employer Accounts Unit at (501) 682-3289.

January 31, 2005

All employers filing a Federal Form 940 for calendar year 2004: Jan. 31, 2005, is the last day on which contributions paid may be timely credited to 2004 quarterly reports. Any amounts due the Arkansas Employment Security Department and paid after Jan. 31, 2005, will receive only partial credit for your FUTA tax for 2004. Questions regarding unpaid balances (SUTA taxes) should be directed to the Employer Accounts Unit at (501) 682-3289.

March 31, 2005

Experience Rating Notices for 2005 are scheduled to be mailed in

December 2004. The notice will reflect the condition of the account on June 30, 2004, the computation date for the 2005 rate shown on the notices.

If eligible for a voluntary payment, that information will be on the reverse side of the Experience Rating Notice. Voluntary payments to reduce one's rate will be accepted if postmarked within 90 days of the beginning of the rate year (if postmarked on or before March 31, 2005). Questions regarding the Experience Rating Notices should be directed to the Status and Rate Unit at (501) 682-3268. If an error is detected in the data, notify ESD in writing within 30 days of the date on the Experience Rating Notice explaining the nature of the error.

Deficit rated accounts, i.e. those accounts whose benefit charges exceed the contributions paid, will have an additional information sheet along with the Experience Rating Notice. It will explain the possible effect of Act 1055 on your 2005 rate and how a voluntary computation period payment may avert a further rate increase.

Voluntary payments: To consider a traditional voluntary payment, use the increment shown on the reverse side of the rate statement. To make a voluntary computation period payment, see the instructions on the information sheet attached to the Experience Rating Notice. Questions regarding the Experience Rating Notice or either type of Voluntary Payment should be directed to the Status and Rate Unit at (501) 682-3268.

Malvern center holds ceremony to celebrate its recent opening

The Arkansas Workforce Center at Malvern held a ribbon-cutting ceremony Sept. 10 at its new location at 1735 E. Sullenberger St., Malvern.

The Arkansas Employment Security Department, formerly located at 127 W. Fifth St., Malvern, and other Workforce Center partners recently co-located together to provide comprehensive employment, training and related services to the citizens of Malvern and the surrounding area.

"This cooperative effort from the partners will allow job seekers and employers in our area to obtain more efficient services, and they will become more aware of other programs."

— Earl Clevenger, manager

Other center partners include the Ouachita Technical College Adult Education Program, WIA, Job Corps, Arkansas Work Incentives, Central Arkansas Development Council and West Central Arkansas Career Development Systems.

"This cooperative effort from the partners will allow job seekers and employers in our area to obtain more efficient services, and they will become more aware of other programs," Earl Clevenger, the AESD local office manager, said.

Those who attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony included a representative from Malvern Mayor Steve Northcutt's office, AESD Director Artee Williams, Arkansas Workforce Investment Board Executive Director Sandra Winston, and the Malvern and Hot Spring County Chamber of Commerce.

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ATTENTION!

To reduce printing costs, this is the last quarter the employer newsletter will be in print! The newsletter will still be produced but will be placed on our Web site at www.arkansas.gov/esd. Please check our Web site the last week in March, June, September and December 2005 for further details.

Thanks.

Employers with questions can now call for answers

The Contributions Section has general information available on the automated telephone system, Arkline. By dialing 1 (501) 907-2591, you may receive information regarding liability, tax rates, quarterly report filing and changing the address or status of your account.

In the event that you need a more specific response, each option contains the phone number to reach a knowledgeable representative in the main office in Little Rock.

The Work Opportunity Tax Credit Program and Welfare-to-Work Tax Credit are extended through Dec. 31, 2005.

For information, go to www.arkansas.gov/esd/ForEmployer/A_wotc.htm.

You can call your local Arkansas Workforce Center or 1-866-330-9459.

To find out about the Health Coverage Tax Credit, go to <http://www.irs.gov> (IRS keyword: HCTC) or call 1-866-628-HCTC.

